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(Barbara Hayashi)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Plant Application of:  
Tim NIEMAN et al.

Application No.: 10/772,915

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Filed: February 5, 2004

Art Unit: 1732

For: A METHOD OF MAKING AN EXPANDED  
POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE  
STRUCTURE

Examiner: J. M. Wollschlager

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 8, 2006, for which a response is due on November 8, 2006. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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